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1. Since early September 1947, the Russians have been shipping aircraft to Germany in boxes 15 meters long, approximately 3 1/2-4 meters wide, and 3 1/2-4 meters high. The crates are transloaded at Brest-Litovsk each week and forwarded to Leipzig for subsequent distribution in the Russian Zone.

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Comment: We interpret Leipzig to mean Schkeuditz (N12), which appears to be a main Soviet Air Force depot.

2. Both German and Polish railroad brigade workers allege that each crate contains a turbine fighter plane of unknown type, with unattached wings. Two of these workers are former Luftwaffe officers.
3. A special loading ramp has been built at Brest-Litovsk, where bridge cranes speed up the transfer of the crates from Soviet gauge to European gauge lines. Workers are German PW's and members of Soviet punishment units. Recently box cars, believed to have been built in Germany, have carried these loads.
4. One railroad brigade worker states that similar transports are operating on the northern route, probably Pylastok-Königsberg.

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Comment: No definite conclusion on the amount of planes shipped to Leipzig can be reached on the basis of the statements made [redacted] the shipments began in September 1947, that they increased at the beginning of 1948, and that they finally reached a rate of thirty crates per week in March.)

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